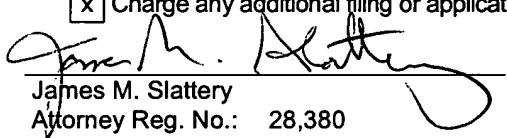


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MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005 (Paper No. 513), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

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